License Renewal Notices for Agriculture Related Businesses Are Lost

Cheyenne - "The Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) has received an extraordinary large number of calls recently, from business establishments stating that they have not received their renewal notices/applications for 2005," said WDA Technical Services Section manager Roy Reichenbach.

These establishments include pesticide dealers, seed dealers, nursery dealers, nursery salesman, and owners of weights and measures devices including gas pumps, LPG meters, and livestock/large scales. For undetermined causes, it appears that numerous notices/applications sent out in early January 2005 have not been received by those establishments. The WDA licenses more than four thousand establishments each year.

According to Reichenbach, these licenses expire on March 31, 2005, and the business establishments noted earlier are required by statute to be licensed by the WDA to do business in Wyoming.

Reichenbach is asking these businesses to renew their licenses quickly. If a licensed establishment has not received a renewal notice/application yet, they need to send the Department of Agriculture a photocopy of the license that expires 3-31-05. Indicate any changes that need to be made on the photocopy, and sign the photocopy. Also, include a check or money order (cash will not be accepted) for \$25.00 for each category listed (\$100 maximum payment). Make these payable to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, and send them to:

Wyoming Department of Agriculture Attn: Technical Services 2219 Carey Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82002.

Following this procedure will greatly speed up the renewal process.

The Department is working internally to cross-check 2005 registrations with 2004 registrations, and field inspectors will be making sure that establishments not renewed in 2005 will receive renewal information in a timely manner.

"We just wanted to inform our establishments that we are aware of the problem and we are going to make every effort to get renewals processed in a timely manner," Reichenbach said.

"If you have already contacted the Department about this situation and were given instructions on how to proceed, it is not necessary to contact us again," emphasized Reichenbach. "Your license will be processed as soon as possible after the required documents are received."

If you have further questions, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-7321.